

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested because it is believed that entry will reduce the number of issues for appeal. Specifically, in claims 1 and 22, the word to which the Examiner objected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been replaced with alternative language which is believed to be of the same scope, while addressing the Examiner's concerns. While applicant does not agree with the Examiner that the prior terminology was ambiguous, it is urged that the amended language provides the same claim scope in a manner more preferable to the Examiner. Applicant does not see the allegedly ambiguous terminology in either of also-rejected claims 2 and 23. Hence, entry of the present amendment to claims 1 and 22 will desirably eliminate one of the issues for appeal.

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